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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 23: remove the second paragraph and insert therefor:

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Other signals are involved in mitochondrial targeting (for example the N-terminal part of
rat ornithine transcarbamylase (OTC) allows the targeting of mitochondria) or in homing onto the
endoplasmic reticulum. Finally, some signals allow nuclear retention or retention at the level of